A time to Celebrate

SUNRISE:
August 1, 1922

SUNSET:
March 2, 2013

MARTHA JOSEPHINE CLEVELAND

Monday ~ March 25, 2013
11:00 am

BISHOP LEON MARTIN
Love, Peace and Happiness Family Fellowship
4951 S. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90037

Obituary

In Memory of our Beloved, Martha Josephine (Reynolds) Mosley, Cleveland, was born in Greensboro, North Carolina on August 1, 1922 to Milton Reynolds and Anna (Brown) Reynolds, Smothers. She was the youngest of three siblings.

Martha received her formal education at the Bassett Chapel School in Greensboro, North Carolina. After relocating to Washington, D.C. with her family, she united in fellowship with the Metropolitan AME Church where she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. In June of 1942, Martha was united in holy matrimony to Daniel Mosley. After sixteen years of marriage, this union ended in dissolution of the marriage. While living in Washington D.C., she met the late Rev. Elmer E. Cleveland Jr. After a long courtship, Martha (Jo) accepted Elmer's hand in marriage on July 6, 1966 and shared 40 years of marriage together until he went on to be with the Lord on March 10, 2006.

While living in Washington, D.C., Martha was an employee of the Kannas Department Store. She was the First Lady of the First Church of Deliverance where Elmer was the pastor. In 1967, Martha and Elmer moved to Inglewood, CA. where she worked at Baldwin Crest Realty as a property manager. In 1981, Martha became the First Lady of Ephesians C.O.G.I.C., where Elmer was the pastor until 1997. During that time, Martha was the Director of the Ephesians Children Learning Center. She assisted Leon Martin with the Youth Department and worked with the YWCC, teaching young women proper etiquette. In 1990, Elmer became legally blind and she proved to be a devoted wife and helpmate to him. Martha supported him throughout his ministry. She travelled the country by his side, inspiring and encouraging all those they met along the way. Martha's biggest joy was cooking and spending time with friends and family. She was a strong woman of faith that could always get a prayer through and was always willing to give a helping hand. Martha was the voice of the midnight broadcast; ***"The Hour of Power"*** where she always concluded the broadcast with her famous words, ***"Let us all put our hand into God's hand, and hold on to God's unchanging hand.*** **God Bless!"**

After 90 years with us; Martha received her final call home to be with the Lord on Saturday, March 2, 2013. Preceding Martha in her march to Glory were her parents: Milton Reynolds, and Anna (Brown) Reynolds Smothers, her husband, Rev. Elmer E. Cleveland, Jr, her nephew, George D. Jones, Jr.; sisters: Margaret Perkins, and Mozelle Smith and her God-daughter Linda Haggins.

Martha leaves to cherish her loving memories: her adopted daughter, Tahlor Jazmyne Cleveland; her step-children, Elmer La Monte Cleveland and Anya La Trice Cleveland-Wright; her step-grandchildren, Dustin Fuller and Tiana Fuller; her nieces: Phyllis D. Jones of Washington, D.C.; Margarette Y. McNeel of Moreno Valley, CA and Anna L. Jones of Hyattsville, MD. A devoted great niece, Charmaine (Toyie) McNeel, great nephews, William H. Mc Neel (Billy), Rev. Derrick Jones and Kimani L. Moore; and many more great nieces and nephews; a devoted cousin Sandy Provait; Fredia Rhodes, Juanita Mornes and Emma Morehead along with a multitude of others she loved as her sons and daughters in Christ.

Program

Order of Service

Officiating: Elder George Mc Donald

Processional of Family

Prayer	Elder George Mc Donald
Old and New Testament Reading	Bishop W. Todd Ervin Sr
Musical Section	Andrea Gibson
Acknowledgements	Sister Teresa Jefferson
Reading of Obituary	Sister Deborah Jackson-Smith
Poem Reading "Reason, Season, Lifetime" by:	Kimani L. Moore
Musical Section	Brother John Milligan
Expressions from Family	
Daughter	Anya L. Cleveland-Wright
Nephew	Brian Reems
Special Remarks	Bishop W. Todd Ervin, Sr
Expressions from Family and Friends (Please limit to 2 minutes)	Elder George Mc Donald
Musical Selection	Andrea Gibson
Introduction of Speaker	Elder George Mc Donald
Eulogy	Bishop Leon Martin
Recessional	Elder George Mc Donald

Immediately following the services, the family invites you to meet them at, Inglewood Park Cemetery for her internment. Location is: 720 Florence Avenue, Inglewood CA at the Manchester Garden Mausoleum (Sanctuary of Valor section). It is best to enter cemetery from the Manchester Avenue Gate.

Special thanks and appreciation to:

Fredia Rhodes and son, John Rhodes • Ronald and Antoinette Peasley • Ron and Ann Galther Family Carl Allen • Love, Peace and Happiness Family Fellowship • Sister Andrea Gibson • Brother John Milligan • And all who loved and cared for her throughout her life.

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A Road to Love

2 Souls, 2 Hearts, 1 Beat

She traveled a road that was untouched
Remembering his heart was just enough

Words unspoken but flowing within her soul
A Love perfected
A Love protected
A woman of true virtue
A visual depiction of how true love moves

She traveled a road that led to love
Flying free on wings of a dove

Words unspoken but flowing from her heart
Creating a visual memory of his love, her greatest work of art
She knew there was no way he would ever depart
His spirit, his soul...never apart

She traveled a road that was full of memories
Remembering the rhythm of his heart beat
He left footprints for her to follow, they outlined her feet
She knew he would lead her to a Heavenly Kingdom
She was ready to leave the world behind, and trade it all for eternal freedom

She remembered her heart, she remembered his heart
Her soul was quiet, His soul was silent
But his spirit was warmth that enveloped around her being
For it was destined that the QUEEN would join with her KING

Now they travel the skies
As one
Painting a portrait of their Love, because
True Love Never Dies

Do not shed a tear
We shared many happy years
United with my soul mate
Our spirits are free here
With Love...Wintor Ashli' McNeel

(Martha's great-great niece)

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